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Dear Dr. Ball:

I am pleased to report that the South Carolina AHEC endorses the recommendations contained in the document titled, "South Carolina Prepares for Pandemic Influenza: An Ethical Perspective". This impressive report addresses many of the issues that may arise during a pandemic influenza outbreak, and our organization supports use of this document to guide decision making if a pandemic outbreak occurs.

Thank you and your colleagues for the excellent job you did in preparing this thoughtful and thorough report.

Sincerely yours,

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